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SUBJ: CYPRUS: AUGUST 16 MEETING OF NATO CYPRUS GROUP

DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD

1. SYG LUNS COVENED CYPRUS GROUP MEETING 11:00 A.M.
AUGUST 16 ATTENDED BY DEPUTY SYG PANSA, DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM),
KRAPF (FRG), LOGAN (UK), CARRAUD (FRANCE), MCAULIFFE (US) PLUS
KILLHAM AND LISSFELT OF IS. LUNS REPORTED FIRST ON AUGUST 16
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, WHICH HE INITIATED, WITH GREEK DEFMIN
AVEROFF. AVEROFF TOLD SYG OF MESSAGE WHICH PM KARAMANLIS
HAD RECEIVED FROM USG THAT TURKISH TROOPS ON CYPRUS WILL
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CEASE MILITARY OPERATIONS AND OBSERVE CEASEFIRE WITH EFFECT
FROM 1800 HOURS THIS DATE. AVEROFF EXPRESSED GOG'S
DISPLEASURE SINCE TURKS WILL HAVE CUT THE ISLAND IN
HALF AND SECURED BY VIOLENCE GEOGRAPHIC ZONE WHICH THEY HAD

SOUTH AT GENEVA TALKS. AVEROFF AND LUNS ALSO DISCUSSED GOG'S REPLY TO SYG'S AUGUST 14 INITIATIVE OF MAKING TRIP TO ATHENS. CHORAFAS (GREECE) HAD EARLIER IN MORNING READ TO SYG BRUSQUE INSTRUCTIONS WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED FROM FONMIN MAVROS. ALLEGING THAT SYG HAD REFUSED MAVROS' REQUEST TO CALL MEETING OF NATO FONMINS TO DISCUSS CYPRUS SITUATION IN ITS FIRST PHASE ON GROUNDS THAT MEETING WOULD DISRUPT SCHEDULES OF OTHER FONMINS AND INTERFERE WITH DR. LUNS' PERSONAL VACATION PLANS, GREEK FONMIN SAW NO PURPOSE WHATEVER IN PROSPECTIVE VISIT BY NATO SYG TO ATHENS.

2. HAVING KNOWN AVEROFF, LUNS RECALLED COMPARABLE DISPUTES AMONG NATO ALLIES IN YEARS PAST CITING DUTCH IRRITATION DURING INDONESIAN DISPUTE AND BELGIAN PROBLEM DURING KATANGA DIFFICULTIES. HE REMINDED AVEROFF OF RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH LATTER AS GREEK FONMIN HAD MADE URGING BRUSSELS TO ADOPT A REASONABLE AND PRUDENT COURSE LOOKING TO THE LONG TERM INTERESTS OF THE ALLIANCE. DE STAERCKE PRAISED LUNS FOR USING THIS HISTORIC PRECEDENT. LUNS WENT ON TO SAY THAT AVEROFF HAD TAKEN THE POINT AND AGREED THAT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE NATO MILITARY STRUCTURE HAD BEEN MADE SOLELY FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL REASONS. ACCORDING TO AVEROFF, ANTI-US, ANTI-UK AND ANTI-NATO PASSIONS IN GREECE ARE RUNNING HIGH SINCE THERE IS A GENERAL FEELING STILL CURRENT THAT "NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL GIVE THE TURKS CARTE BLANCHE TO DO WHAT THEY HAVE DONE ON CYPRUS."

3. LUNS REPORTED THAT TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAD EXPRESSED TO HIM THROUGH ERALP ITS BELIEF THAT VISIT TO ANKARA AT THIS TIME WOULD NOT YIELD USEFUL RESULTS AND COULD EVEN PROVE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. DISCUSSIONS ON AUGUST 15 WITH FONSEC CALLAGHAN IN LONDON HAD DISCLOSED SIMILAR THINKING BY HMG; AND HE HAD RECEIVED WORD THROUGH MCAULIFFE THIS MORNING FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER THAT LATTER ALSO BELIEVED THAT TRAVEL BY NATO SYG WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME.

4. WITH RESPECT TO GREEK ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM NATO, LUNS READ TEXT OF AUGUST 16 MESSAGE FROM GREEK MINISTER
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OF DEFENSE TO SACEUR WHICH STATED INTER ALIA THAT GOG DECISION IS "IRREVOCABLE UNLESS PRESENT FUNDAMENTAL CONDITIONS IN GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS AND POSITIONS OF ATLANTIC ALLIANCE CHANGE." HE ALSO NOTED THAT GREEK DEFMIN HAS CHANGED WITHDRAWAL NOTICE FOR GREEK MILITARY PERSONNEL ON DUTY AT NATO HEADQUARTERS TO 15-DAY NOTICE INSTEAD OF 24-HOUR ONE. LUNS CITED THESE AS HOPEFUL SIGNS. DE STAERCKE

URGED WITH VEHEMENCE THE NEED TO CLARIFY THE CONFUSED "JURIDICAL SITUATION" BETWEEN GREECE AND NATO, DECLARING THAT NO SINGLE ALLY CAN DICTATE ITS RELATIONSHIPS IN THIS MANNER TO THE OTHER 14. LOGAN, MCAULIFFE AND KRAPF VIGOROUSLY DISPUTED DE STAERCKE'S PROPOSAL (PURSUANT STATE 179781)

AND DE STAERCKE FINALLY ADMITTED THAT ONE SHOULD NOT PUSH GREEKS TO DEFINE POSITIONS WHEN PASSIONS ARE STILL HOT. SYG ALSO AGREED THAT ALLIED GOVERNMENTS AND NMAS SHOULD ALLOW PASSIONS TO SUBSIDE TO AFFORD GREEKS OPPORTUNITY TO ANALYZE AND APPRECIATE LONG TERM EFFECTS OF AMBIGUOUS ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH ATHENS HAD ISSUED WHILE HOSTILITIES WERE STILL IN PROGRESS.

5. LUNS SAID THATSINCE MOST ALLIES DID NOT KNOW OF EXISTENCE OF THIS INFORMAL CYPRUS GROUP, HE FELT IT NECESSARY TO HOLD NAC MEETING AT 3:30 P.M. AUGUST 16 TO BRING EVERYONE UP TO DATE. DURING THAT MEETING HE PLANNED TO EXPLAIN WHY HE CAME BACK FROM VACATION, THE SUBSTANCE OF HIS AUGUST 15 TALKS WITH FONSEC CALLAGHAN IN LONDON, AND TO REPORT ON HIS EXCHANGES WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER, GREEK DEFMIN AVEROFF AND OF HIS OFFER TO VISIT ANKARA AND ATHENS. BY THAT TIME THE TURKISH ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITS WILLINGNESS TO ADHERE TO THE CEASEFIRE SHOULD HAVE BECOME PUBLIC AND THAT WILL ESTABLISH THE PRECONDITION, ONE HOPES, FOR THE RESUMPTION OF POLITICAL TALKS LOOKING TOWARD A LONG TERM SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. HE SAID HE HOPED NAC MEETING WOULD BE BRIEF AND THAT UNLESS MATTERS TOOK A TURN FOR THE WORSE, HE WOULD RESUME HIS VACATION IN THE BLACK FOREST ON AUGUST 18, WHENCE HE COULD RETURN TO BRUSSELS IN A MATTER OF A FEW HOURS.MCAULIFFE

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